

REMARKS

Claims 12-24 are allowed. Applicants respectfully request that claim 24 be amended to correct an editorial error. Specifically, Applicants respectfully request that the phrase “disulfide-thiol interchange activity” in claim 24 be replaced with the phrase “disulfide-thiol interchange” that was recited in the Examiner’s Amendment enclosed with the Notice of Allowability mailed June 17, 2004. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the front page of the Notice of Allowability incorrectly states that the Appeal Brief was filed on “2/2/04.” On January 12, 2004, in accordance with the Rules of Practice for filing correspondence by “Express Mail” under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(a), Applicants deposited with the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.) the Appeal Brief and related documents in connection with the above-identified application (hereinafter, “the deposited correspondence”). Applicants used the U.S.P.S. “Express Mail Post Office to Addressee” service and paid sufficient postage therefor. The Express Mail Label No. EV335858279US was placed on the Appeal Brief prior to the original mailing by Express Mail. A stamped return postcard stamped January 12, 2004 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which has an itemized list of the deposited correspondence mailed on January 12, 2004, was returned by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(a) and (c) have been fully met and request that the record be corrected to reflect that the Appeal Brief was filed on January 12, 2004, and not February 2, 2004.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment and remarks be entered and made of record in the instant application. If any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment. However, should the United States Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge any required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account Number 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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